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CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES

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LADERA LINDA COMMUNITY PARK – READY FOR ITS MAKEOVER!



- PROPERTY LINE
- REQUIRED SETBACKS
- TOP OF SLOPE (T.O.S)
- IRRIGATED GRASS LAWN
- IRRIGATED GARDEN
- COASTAL NATIVE WILDFLOWERS
- COASTAL SAGE SCRUB
- BIOSWALE
- DECOMPOSED GRANITE
- DIRT
- ENGINEERED WOOD FIBRE PLAY SURFACING
- EXISTING LANDSCAPE
- NEW TREES
- EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN, PROTECT IN PLACE

Ladera Linda means “pretty hillside” in Spanish and this beloved park is about to get much prettier after all these years. Following eight years of planning, replanning, and meeting after meeting after meeting, the construction of the new Ladera Linda Community Park is finally underway. This beautiful 11-acre site officially closed on March 28 to be remade with a new building and improved amenities including trails and walking paths, paddle tennis and basketball courts, a naturalistic playground, and grass fields. Demolition of the existing buildings and site preparation began in April. The construction process is scheduled to last for approximately 15 months.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this challenging and lengthy process. The final result should be a beautiful park that can be enjoyed by residents and visitors for generations to come

Go to rpvca.gov/laderalinda to learn more and follow the progress of construction.

COYOTES IN OUR MIDST

Three miniature coyotes are hidden in the newsletter. Enjoy your search for these elusive canines-see how many you can find. Go to <https://www.rpvca.gov/335/Coyotes> for more information on the City’s Coyote Management Plan and what to do if you encounter a coyote.



CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN-MOVING FORWARD BY DESIGN



The Point Vicente Lighthouse may be by Palos Verdes Drive South, but just to the north there’s a strong spotlight shining on the Civic Center Master Plan project. With Griffin Structures on boarded as a Project Manager earlier this year, world-renowned architecture design firm Gensler working with Staff and the Civic Center Advisory Committee (CCAC) on preliminary designs, and hundreds of people attending tours of the site and Nike missile silos, the long-delayed City goal of developing this magnificent property into a true community hub is well underway.

The CCAC, using a City Council approved list of project components and square footage estimates, provided direction on several preliminary designs at meetings in April and May. Based on that feedback as well a geo-tech investigation of the property, a recommendation is scheduled to go to the City Council later this summer. There’s a long way to go, but progress is being made.

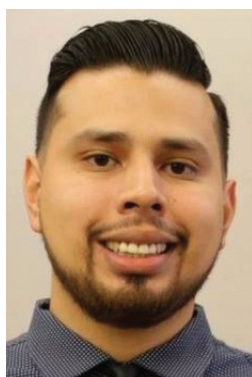
Is that all? Not at all-the Civic Center is getting a new name in September! Both the Civic Center and the road leading into City Hall will be officially named after City founder, two-time Mayor, current Councilmember and all-around RPV legend, Ken Dyda.



NOW’S THE TIME TO GET INVOLVED AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS PROJECT!

Go to rpvca.gov/civiccenter to see Civic Center documents and be linked to CCAC reports. Go to rpvca.gov/notify to receive official notifications and updates or contact mattw@rpvca.gov for more information.

SPOTLIGHT ON JESSE VILLALPANDO: MAN WITH A PLAN



Most Californians occasionally think about the risk posed by fires, earthquakes, and other causes. RPV Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Jesse Villalpando does much more than think about these situations ~ it’s the core of his job. Jesse kindly took the time to discuss his job, plans for making sure the City is as prepared as possible, and what he does to unwind.

Tell me a little about your work experience and education before coming to Rancho Palos Verdes. What led you this field?

Having built my first emergency kit as a teenager to be ready in case of a zombie outbreak, I have always been an advocate for emergency preparedness. I have had the incredible opportunity to gain disaster management experience at a number of private and non-profit organizations. I have served as an AmeriCorps Intern, a Program Administrator, a Director of Support

Services, and most recently as RPV’s Senior Administrative Analyst for Emergency Preparedness.

I have had the opportunity to contribute to the writing and updating of emergency plans for the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management and become certified by the Los Angeles Police Department as a Run, Hide, Fight, Active Shooter Training Instructor. I gained real-world emergency experience by assisting in the management of the collection and distribution of donated items for the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department, during an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Level II Activation in response to the 2018 Woolsey Fire.

Upon graduating from the University of California Irvine (Go Anteaters!) with a degree in Criminology, Law and Society, I started my career as an AmeriCorps Intern for the Los Angeles Regional Food bank where I worked closely with its food pantry member agency to develop its disaster contingency plans.

What are the main emergency situations that the city needs to be prepared for and which one keeps you up at night?

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JULY FOURTH
Celebration
MONDAY, JULY 4TH 2022
11AM-4PM
RPV CITYHALL/CIVIC CENTER

LIVE MUSIC, FOOD TRUCKS, BEER AND WINE BOOTH, CARNIVAL RIDES, PONY RIDES, ACTIVITIES AND GAMES FOR THE FAMILY!

MOVIES IN THE PARK

June 18 Encanto	July 16 Luca	August 13 Spiderman

RPV CIVIC CENTER
30940 HAWTHORNE BLVD
MOVIES BEGIN 15 MINUTES AFTER SUNSET
www.rpvca.gov/parks

SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK

JULY 30TH: Mighty Cash Cats
(Johnny Cash Tribute Band) 4PM-6PM
RPV Civic Center
30940 Hawthorne Blvd

August 27TH: Country Vision
(Classic and Modern Country Hits)

Food trucks, Beer and Wine Booth, Giveaways, Crafts, inflatables for Kids, and Live Music!

SUMMER CRIME CORNER

Public safety is a top City priority. Protecting yourself and those around you begins with learning what to do, how to prepare and react, and becoming connected to your community.

Secure Your Home and Your Vehicle

Safety Tips:
Secure Your Home and Vehicle
LOCK IT • LIGHT IT • HIDE IT

Take simple crime prevention measures to help protect your property. Follow a 9 pm routine: every evening, check that doors and windows are closed and locked; turn on lights or set them on a timer so your home looks occupied even if you aren't home; and be sure to move all valuables out of visible view. At 9 pm: **lock it, light it, hide it.** Every time you leave your vehicle, make sure you remove all valuables from plain view and always lock your vehicle.

Report It Before You Post It

If you see something suspicious, say something! Always be aware of your surroundings. **Report suspicious activity in RPV to the Lomita Sheriff's Station at 310.539.1661 or call 911 in an emergency.** Social media platforms like Nextdoor can be valuable to help share information with your neighbors, but be sure to report the incident to the Sheriff's Station before you post so deputies can respond.

Stay Connected

Get to know your neighbors. Ask them to watch your home while you are on vacation. Sign up to receive alerts from the City and share your best tips with your neighbors. To view weekly crime reports and an interactive map of crimes in the City, visit rpvca.gov. Sign up to receive notifications when weekly crime reports are released via the City's [Nextdoor](#) page or sign up for email notification at rpvca.gov/notify.

HOP ON THE DOCENT TRAIN(ING) EXPRESS ~ NEXT STOP: PVCIC



Enrich your life by becoming a volunteer docent with Los Serenos de Point Vicente. Docent training starts September 14 from 12:30 - 3:30 at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center. Classes are held every Wednesday through February. There will be an open house for the class on Wednesday August 31 at 7 pm.

For 38 years, Los Serenos de Point Vicente has been assisting the City of Rancho Palos Verdes by educating children and the community. Docents interpret natural and cultural history via nature walks, Interpretive Center museum tours, and outreach programs. Additionally, they enjoy fun docent gatherings, educational presentations and interesting field trips. The Point Vicente Interpretive Center is located at 31501 Palos Verdes Drive West, Rancho Palos Verdes, Ca 90275. For more information call Ann Zellers at 310.544.5265 or go to www.LosSerenos.org or www.facebook.com/LosSerenos.

JESSE VILLALPANDO (Continued from page 1)

The City must be prepared to respond to and recover from a variety of natural and man-made disaster threats posed by hazards unique to our region, particularly the risk of wildfires and earthquakes. Rest assured that your City Staff is diligently working to ensure that the city can respond effectively to any potential disaster, regardless of the circumstances.

While wildfire poses the greatest threat to life and property on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, what keeps me awake at night is "The Big One."

The devastation caused by an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.8 or higher in Southern California will be immense. While I am confident that our brave first responders will rise to the occasion, they will be stretched thin. After this emergency, you may need to survive on your own, so be prepared by having enough food, water, and other supplies to last for up to a week.

COVID-19 has posed some unique challenges. Tell us about some of the measures the City has put into place to deal with the twists and turns of a global pandemic?

A fun fact about myself is that I began my RPV journey on March 2, 2020, approximately two weeks before the full COVID-19 shutdowns! Since that time, your City Staff has worked tirelessly to closely monitor the evolving public health situation to keep our residents informed with the latest information. COVID-19 emphasized the importance of embracing adaptability and flexibility in the face of adversity, and I am proud to say that the City adopted this approach early in the pandemic.

What plans are you proud of implementing in the City and what would you like to see put into action in the future?

Establishing a group text between the four Peninsula City Managers, City staff, and key public safety officials such as the Los Angeles County Fire Department in order to centralize information gathering and situational awareness at the onset of a wildfire/emergency incident is one of the mitigation measures I am most proud to have implemented for the city. I am pleased to report that this group text has been utilized for a number of minor incidents on the Peninsula and has proven to be an invaluable tool for information gathering and disseminating among the four Peninsula Cities.

I look forward to implementing wildfire evacuation planning,

placement of wildfire detection cameras, and emergency communication resiliency planning considerations.

What steps should the average RPV resident take to be ready for an emergency?

Have a Plan! Build A kit! Be informed! I understand that preparing for a disaster is not everyone's top priority on a daily basis, but I implore you to start small and start today. Talk with your family tonight at dinner and decide now where you will meet in case you get separated in an emergency (Have a Plan); the next time you go grocery shopping, pick up an extra case of water and store it in a cool, dry place (Build a kit); and finally, be aware of disasters that can affect your area regardless of where you are (earthquakes, wildfires, floods, and landslides are examples of RPV hazards) and be sure to stay connected and get updates from the City by signing up for Alert SouthBay emergency alerts by texting "alertsb" to 888-777 and by following RPV on Nextdoor, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (Be Informed).

Where should residents go to get more information?

For additional information, residents can visit rpvca.gov/emergency or contact me at JVillalpando@rpvca.gov; I am always more than happy to discuss the City's emergency preparedness measures.

Emergency Coordinators must need some down time to recharge. How do you enjoy spending time away from work?

On weekends, when I have a break from my hectic schedule, I enjoy taking my Pomeranian pup Luna to the Eastview Dog Park with my beautiful girlfriend Sonny.

What would you like the residents of RPV to know about you?

That I am a resident too! I have been living in this beautiful city for over a year now and very much enjoy working to protect the community that I reside in. So, the next time you see me shopping in my pjs at Ralphs come say hi!

Favorite book, movie, type of music/sport etc...?

My favorite book is "Emergency! This Book Will Save Your Life"; favorite movie is the 1997 film "Volcano" starring Tommy Lee Jones, my favorite type of music is rock and roll and my favorite sport is ping pong!

Learn more about this dynamic organization for older adults who have joined together to help each other navigate the challenges and opportunities of aging. Hear about social opportunities and volunteer resources on July 15 at 1pm at the Peninsula Library Purcell Room. Potential volunteers are welcome too! No RSVP required. For more information call 310.991.3324 or check out the PVP Village website at www.peninsulavillage.net.

JOB #1-FIND A GREAT JOB!



Your career starts here! The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is hiring and interested in hearing from you! To view our current job opportunities, visit our careers page at www.governmentjobs.com/careers/rpvca.



If we aren't currently recruiting for a position that fits your career path, click on Menu located in the top left hand corner of our careers page, and complete a Job Interest Card. You'll receive an email notification each time a position opens with the City of Rancho Palos Verdes whose category matches one of the categories you've chosen. Thank you for your interest in employment with the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

SCAM-A-LOT

Monty Python-inspired musicals are fun, but being scammed is not. The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has been made aware of homeowners falling victim to contractor "scams" in which they were fraudulently billed fees for non-existent or fake City building permits. The City would like to provide residents with tips to protect themselves from such individuals.

Many homeowners don't know what kind of work requires a permit, or what a permit looks like. Below are steps you can take to verify the legitimacy of your contractor and permits.



How can I verify that my contractor is state-licensed?

You can look up your contractor's license with the California Contractors State License Board at cslb.ca.gov or by calling 800.321.2752. Then, verify that your contractor has a photo ID that matches the name on their license.

How can I verify that my contractor has a business license with the City of Rancho Palos Verdes?

You can find a list of active business licenses on the City website at the following link: <https://www.rpvca.gov/677/Business-License-List>.

How do I know if my project needs a permit?

You can determine what kind of work requires a permit from the City at the following link: <https://www.rpvca.gov/1452/Do-I-Need-a-Permit>.

How can I tell if my permit is valid?

Valid permits will be listed in the City's permit database. You can conduct a permit search on the City website at the following link: <https://etrakit.rpvca.gov/eTRAKIT/Search/permit.aspx>.

Additionally, an authentic permit will have a valid permit ID or record number. Fake and real examples are shown below.



Record#: In the example above, **20BLD-1472** is **NOT** the sequence of numbers and letters the City uses when issuing permits.



Roofing permit numbers will always start with **REF** followed by the **current year** and the **number in sequence**.

Residential Remodel permit numbers will always start with **RES** followed by the **current year** and the **number in sequence**.

Building permit numbers will always start with **BLD** followed by the **current year** and the **number in sequence**.

What do I do if I'm not sure?

If you are unsure about the validity of your building permit, or if you have any questions, please contact the City's Building and Safety Division at 310.544.5280.

COVID-19 UPDATE

ADDITIONAL FREE RAPID COVID-19 HOME TESTS AVAILABLE VIA MAIL

The U.S. government is offering American households additional free rapid antigen COVID tests sent via USPS (16 tests max per household). If you already ordered your first or second set, order more today at COVIDtests.gov. Orders will ship free, usually in 7-12 days. Learn more at: covidtests.gov/faq.



If you have difficulty accessing the internet or need additional support placing an order, you can call 1.800.232.0233 (TTY 1.888.720.7489) to get help in English, Spanish, and more than 150 other languages – 8 am to midnight ET, 7 days a week.



The Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL) is also available to specifically help people with disabilities place their orders. To get help, call 1.888.677.1199, Monday-Friday from 9 am to 8 pm ET, or email DIAL@usaginganddisability.org.

For those who have questions about eligibility, the online ordering form, shipping, or delivery, you can contact the USPS Help Desk at 1.800.ASK.USPS (1.800.275.8777).

L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH URGES RESIDENTS TO GET VACCINATED AND BOOSTED TO AVOID SERIOUS ILLNESS

The L.A. County Department of Public Health reminds the public that vaccines still provide the strongest protection against the more infectious subvariants of the coronavirus, but their effectiveness wanes over time, making it critical for residents to become fully vaccinated, if not already, and to receive their boosters, if due, against COVID-19 now.

Data continues to show that being fully vaccinated and boosted provides the best protection against hospitalization and death.

To find a nearby location offering free COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, or to schedule an appointment for a homebound resident to be vaccinated in their home, please contact the Public Health Call Center seven days a week from 8 am to 8:30 pm at: 833.540.0473 or visit VaccinateLACounty.com.



Instructors Wanted

Interested in teaching indoor or outdoor classes in the Fall?

Call the Recreation and Parks Department at 310.544.5260

Legislation Corner

The City Council reviews bills pending in Congress and the California Legislature and takes positions on priority issues and matters that impact the City's ability to operate effectively, promote City interests and protect local authority.

On November 2, the City Council adopted the City's first annual Legislative Platform, outlining the City's positions on local land use and control, public safety, environmental quality, and more.

To view the City's 2022 Legislative Platform, for more information on the City's legislative advocacy efforts, and for updated information on pending bills, visit rpvca.gov/LegislationCorner.

SIC TRANSIT GLORIA MUNDI

You don't have to speak Latin to know that public transportation is glorious and that you can travel the world-or at least RPV! (Apologies to any actual Latin scholars out there.) Tired of \$6/per gallon gas and waiting for self-driving cars, but still want to get somewhere without driving yourself? PV Transit can cure your transportation exasperation. Information about Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority (PVPTA) including Dial-A-Ride, route maps, "TAP" pass cards, and trip planning assistance is available at <http://www.palosverdes.com/pvtransit/>.



SUMMER PICKUP SCHEDULE & EDCO DISCOUNTS

EDCO 310.540.2977, www.rpvrecycles.com

July 2022: No service on Monday, July 4. There will be a one-day service delay all week.

August 2022: Regular Schedule. No Changes.

Leave all containers at the curb no later than 7 am on collection day and remove empty containers by no later than 10 pm on collection day.

Regulations for Hours for Trash Cart/Can Placement: The City's Municipal Code (Section 8.20.330) has regulations on when trash, recycling and green waste carts can be left at the curb for collection. Carts can be placed at the curb after 4 pm the day before collection day and empty carts must be removed no later than 10 pm on collection day. **Empty carts cannot be left on the street overnight.** Containers have to be stored on the side or back of the property, at a location that is substantially screened from view. Please help keep your neighborhood attractive and clean.

BACKYARD SERVICE: EDCO provides backyard service to customers at an additional monthly charge. If you have temporary or permanent physical or medical limitations or travel frequently, call EDCO and inquire about this service.

Questions? Call EDCO at 310.540.2977 or www.rpvrecycles.com. Leave all containers at the curb no later than 7 am on collection day.

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE TO EDCO CUSTOMERS: EDCO offers various discounts to customers: 1) Customers 65 and older are eligible for a 10% senior citizen discount (a one-time only application is needed for a new senior citizen customer). 2) If you pay for trash services a year in advance (discount available only with the July-Sept invoice) you are eligible for a 5% annual pre-payment discount. 3) Low-income customers may qualify for 5% discount (same household income criteria as CARE). These discounts are not exclusive and may be combined. For more information contact EDCO or check the City's website at: rpvca.gov/trash.

SOMEONE'S GOT TO TAKE OUT THE (EXCESS) TRASH!

EXCESS TRASH AND BULKY-ITEM COLLECTION

Twice per year, residents can call EDCO to collect trash overage (up to three, 32-gallon plastic bags) for FREE! Call EDCO at 310.540.2977 to schedule your free excess trash collection. Residents must call in first and items will not be picked up without a call.



If residents have items too large or too heavy to fit in the trash cart, call EDCO to schedule a FREE curbside bulky-item pickup. Residents can schedule bulky-item pickup service for large items such as water heaters, appliances, furniture, televisions, etc. (please no Household Hazardous Waste). Construction materials will NOT be collected. **Up to four**

FREE bulky-item collections per year can be scheduled (up to four items each collection).



GREEN CORNER



RECYCLE AND WIN \$250!



In your July EDCO statement you will find the "Recyclers of the Month" entry card. If you recycle, mail in your card. At each City Council meeting, two lucky verified recyclers each win a check for \$250 plus a personal emergency preparedness kit! If you pay online, please see EDCO's online link that is available in July and follow instructions. This is one way the City thanks RPV residents for recycling. If you need more blue or green recycling bins, call EDCO at 310.540.2977.

DONATE ITEMS - KEEP THE LANDFILL LONELY

Cleaned up your closets and garage recently? If you have clothing, furniture, or other items that are in good shape and could be re-used, please contact a charitable organization or a shelter to donate them. You may be eligible for a tax deduction while helping people in need and preventing usable items from going to the landfill.



RPV HAS GONE ORGANIC!

SB 1383
Reducing Short-Lived
Climate Pollutants in
California



In compliance with a State of California Senate Bill 1383 mandate to divert organic waste away from landfills, EDCO began providing organic waste collection to single-family residential customers in April. Since March 2022, EDCO has mailed several public education and outreach brochures and material to customers explaining how the program works. Residents are instructed to place food waste in the green organics waste cart. EDCO's customer service agents continue responding to phone and email inquiries regarding the program, and requests for free kitchen caddies and pails are being processed regularly. To date, approximately 2,300 kitchen caddies have been distributed to customers. This enhanced recycling program has not changed any service days or times. The former green waste cart is now the organics cart and green waste trucks are now picking up green waste and food waste.

In the next couple of months, the City's multi-family complexes will start separating their organic waste and have them recycled. EDCO representatives are continuing to meet and work with multi-family complexes on implementation of the program.

As for commercial/business establishments, your hauler has or soon will be reaching out to you to provide you information and carts/bins for organic waste recycling. Stay Tuned!

DON'T GET THE POINT: SAFE DISPOSAL OF SHARPS FOR RPV RESIDENTS



Sharps Disposal Services is now offered by EDCO to RPV residents. The EDCO mail-back sharps disposal program provides a cost-effective solution for the disposal of needles, syringes, and lancets; as well as other types of sharps and small quantities of medical waste. If you have any calls or questions regarding this service, please contact EDCO at 310.540.2977 or click on this link at www.RPVrecycles.com Household Hazardous Waste - Residential - EDCO Rancho Palos Verdes (edcodisposal.com). Information on this service is also placed on the City's website Household Hazardous Waste Disposal | Rancho Palos Verdes, CA - Official Website (rpvca.gov).



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City Hall Main Line

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Finance
Community Development
Human Resources
Public Works
Recreation and Parks
Building & Safety Division
Code Enforcement



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310.544.5217
310.544.5304
310.544.5228
310.544.5327
310.544.5252
310.544.5260
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